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Senate Bill 75 (as reported without amendment)
Sponsor: Senator Dan L. DeGrow
Committee: State Affairs, Tourism, and Transportation

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RATIONALE

For the past several years, the Legislature has passed a resolution declaring the first full week in June as "Michigan Garden Week". Garden clubs throughout the State apparently are particularly active that week promoting the healthful benefits of gardening, encouraging civic participation in the beautification of the State's communities, and increasing public awareness of the variety of fruits, vegetables, flowers, and other plants that thrive in Michigan and contribute to the State's aesthetic qualities and economic diversification. Some believe that gardening is important enough to Michigan's citizens and communities to be recognized, promoted, and celebrated each year. To do so by annually passing a resolution, however, is more time-consuming and costly, some claim, than by declaring "Michigan Garden Week" once in statute.

importance of gardening to Michigan's economy and "quality of life" and the necessity of promoting its healthful and aesthetic benefits for Michigan citizens, and eliminate the need to pass a resolution every year to accomplish such a worthwhile objective.

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CONTENT

The bill would create a new act establishing the first full week in June of each year as "Michigan Garden Week".

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

ARGUMENTS**Supporting Argument**

By establishing "Michigan Garden Week" in statute, the bill would help emphasize the

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